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Canada Day

JANET TRULL
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The people of British North America were like, "Whoa. That does sound super hard."

No doubt, the stern old Fathers replied. "But when that last spike has been driven in, and we can get to the Highlands for Canada Day weekend, you'll thank us."

A few years ago, we welcomed a visitor to our cottage from Prague, Czech Republic. We took him on a pontoon boat ride around Haliburton Lake. He looked at the granite ridges and the towering white pines. He was delighted when a loon popped up alongside the boat. The water reflected the shoreline in a perfect mirror.

"This," he said, "is exactly what I expected Canada to be."

Haliburton is quintessentially Canada. There may be grander landscapes in this country, or more picturesque villages, but I challenge anyone to find a place that can out-Canadian Haliburton. We got this!

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Getting to Haliburton has always been a challenge. Pioneers hacked their way through dense forests to claim their tracts of land. Artists paddled across unmapped lakes to paint jack pines and red maples. Hunters travelled from far off countries to spend a week in mouse infested shacks. Since the 1940s members of my own cottaging family have arrived here by train, bus, and a Mercury Meteor with no licence plates. We have hitchhiked in the rain. We have braved busy highways with back seats full of crying babies, panting dogs, and sullen teenagers.

Oh the humanity!

Whether you sleep in a rotting bunkie or a mansion with heated fieldstone floors, you went through some trouble to get here. Even then, you suffered a bit, until you found the right bug repellent for the right season. You struggled a bit, to light a campfire with old safety matches and damp wood. You swore a bit, when the septic backed up.

And yet here we are once again, on Canada Day, for more Haliburton magic. If the Fathers of Confederation were still alive today, they'd be all like, "Way to go Haliburton. You nailed it!"

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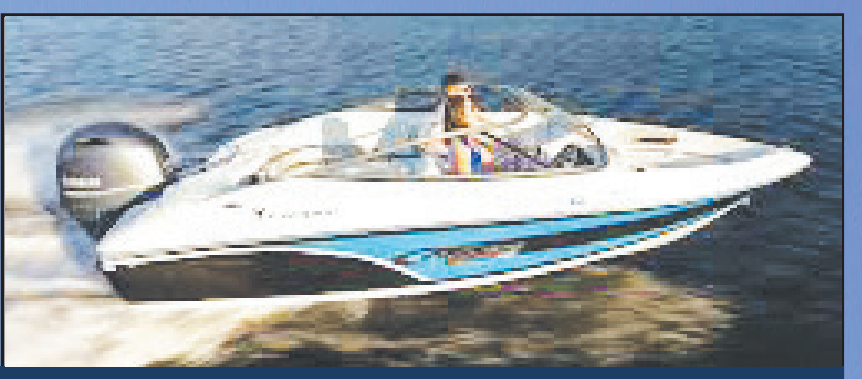

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Non-native aquatic snails offer reminder on invasive species

JENN WATT
County Life Editor

A Chinese mystery snail. Photo by Dave Britton, US Fish & Wildlife Service

Several years ago, Minden Hills resident Paul Prentice started noticing that there were aquatic snails in the lake bigger than the ones you'd usually find and they seemed to be proliferating.

Together with Debbie Balika, a science advisor for the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations, and students from Fleming College, they've been studying the snails to find out more about their numbers.

The Chinese mystery snails prefer lakes with silty bottoms, reproduce quickly and have few predators. Plus, Prentice said during a presentation at the CHA annual general meeting on June 8, they have a trapdoor on their shells that can be closed to keep water in and predators out.

"The big thing that makes them extremely difficult to deal with is the operculum [shell closure]. What takes place is if the snail is in a situation where it's being attacked or irritated it closes right up, crawls back into its shell, closes the operculum down and as a result of that, it can live a long time," he said.

Prentice said the snails are more of an irritant than anything else.

The Invading Species Awareness Program, run by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, has confirmed 68 reports of the snail in Ontario since 2014, said Alison Morris, assistant coordinator of the program.

Chinese mystery snails are found in southern Ontario mostly, in a few of the Great Lakes, as far north as Manitoulin Island and as far east as Ottawa.

"We usually receive a handful of calls each year as well as inquiries related to disposing of dead snail shells that have washed ashore," Morris wrote in an email.

Morris said the snails can be a problem in several ways: "Chinese mystery snails, like other invasive snails, have the ability to reproduce quickly, they reduce plankton levels and will feed on fish eggs, they can outcompete our native snails for food and habitat, and they can be a vector for transmitting diseases, some of which may infect humans."

Balika said the snails are one of 180 invasive species in the province and people should be diligent about not inadvertently introducing new species as they travel.

"It's all carried through us, through humans. It's carried on our boats, on our fishing gear, on our kayaks, on our canoes," Balika said. The snails, which likely were initially introduced to North America as a food source long ago, also could be deposited in lakes by those who have them in aquariums and decide there's no harm in dumping the aquarium's contents in the lake.

"We have people that are boating more, travelling more, touring more and it's possible that they're bringing in things they don't even see," she said.

Once in a waterbody, the snails can move to connected waterways. Balika said this was how many invasive aquatic species spread.

"I look at the Trent Severn Waterway, my cottage is up on one of the reservoir lakes and really we're all attached going downstream. There's no physical barrier to stop those invasive species," she said.

Balika said issues with non-native plants and animals is not isolated to one lake or region – it's a provincial problem. She said funding had recently been cut to the OFAH for their citizen science invasive species watch and that CHA would be doing some of that work this summer. She said more invasive species need to be monitored especially as climate change alters the environment, potentially creating more comfortable conditions for non-native species.

Morris said if you see a snail that seems like it could be an invasive species, call the hotline at 1-800-563-7711 or go online to www.eddmaps.org/ontario or www.iNaturalist.org.

"If they want to remove the snails, I would advise that you wear gloves prior to picking up the Chinese mystery snail. Using a bucket or other apparatus, collect the snails and dispose of them on land but away from a common area," she said. "Since these snails are aquatic in nature, they cannot survive on land. Options for disposal can include burying the snails or even bagging them and putting them out with the trash. If you're looking to dispatch a snail quickly and humanely, it is recommended that they be bagged and put in a freezer before being disposed."

You can prevent introducing the snail by always cleaning, draining and drying your boat each time you leave a waterbody. Do a visual inspection and remove suspicious material, drain standing water, and dry the boat, Morris advises.

Balika recommends that lakefront property owners contact the Federation of Cottagers Associations for a free invasive species poster to install at public boat launches if there isn't one there already. Lake associations might also consider purchasing a boat wash station.

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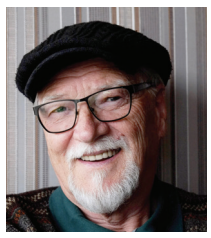
Come rain or shine, summer events continue in the park

IT RAINED. It rained again, and then it rained some more. The ground under the feet of the vendors was a squishy quagmire of mud, as they sat at their tables, hoping that their efforts would at least see them make a small profit. That was the scene in Head Lake Park in Haliburton on Saturday, June 15, the date of this year's annual Trash and Treasures event. I was one of those vendors, and I sat at my table, huddled up in several layers of clothing. I was under a tent without sides, and mercifully out of the way of direct rainfall. Without the tent it would have been impossible to deal with the elements. As it was I was absolutely soaked by the time Laurie Jones, curator of the Rails End Gallery, the host of the event, put an end to proceedings at 1 p.m.; an hour early. Most of us had been up since 5 a.m., setting up for the 8 a.m. start.



GEORGE FARRELL
On Arts/Culture

For those not familiar with the annual happening, where people sell anything and everything that may have been unloved or unwanted: items from attics and basements; it takes place the Saturday before Father's Day. I don't usually write about events that have already taken place, but I thought that it was worthwhile mentioning if only for the reason that in spite of the downpour, the event still managed to attract a fair crowd, and I know that at least some of the vendors realized a decent profit.

Another reason for mentioning the event is the venue itself; Head Lake Park. Situated right in downtown Haliburton, it's a place that many local people take for granted. It's just there; but over the course of a year it hosts a variety of events. Some of the most popular include the Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Music in the Park, and the Haliburton Arts and Crafts Festival, which is hosted and organized by the Rails End Gallery. The Arts and Crafts festival is the largest annual event held in the park. It's a juried outdoor exhibition and this year there are 130 artists represented. All items are for sale at the July 26 to 28 event, and this will be the 56th edition of the festival.

The farmers' market is one of my favourite summertime happenings in the park. You simply can't beat fresh local produce. You can find various cheeses, garlic, eggs, a variety of seasonal vegetables, gluten-free products, coffees, honey, maple syrup, wines, smoked meats and fruits. You can also get candles, falafels, pies, doggie treats and soaps. There are three markets; Minden, open Saturdays from 10-2, Haliburton Village on Tuesdays from 12-4, and Stanhope, on Fridays from 12-4.

After partaking of the goodies you might feel like working off some of those calories. Head Lake Park can provide a way to do that too. The park contains jogging and walking paths, Frisbee golf facilities, and tennis, volleyball, and basketball courts. There is also a place where you can rent a canoe for a pleasant day of fishing, or for a sight-seeing paddle around the lake.

You can find a full list of seasonal events and activities in and around the park at https://www.dysartetal.ca/festivals.

Top 10 reasons I will never take up golf

SOME PEOPLE love golf and I can understand that. I tried it once and didn't like it. Here are 10 reasons why.

1. When someone yells "fore!" I always answer with "five."
2. It reminds me I need to mow the grass.
3. I prefer to be armed when confronting geese.
4. No one looks good in golf shorts.

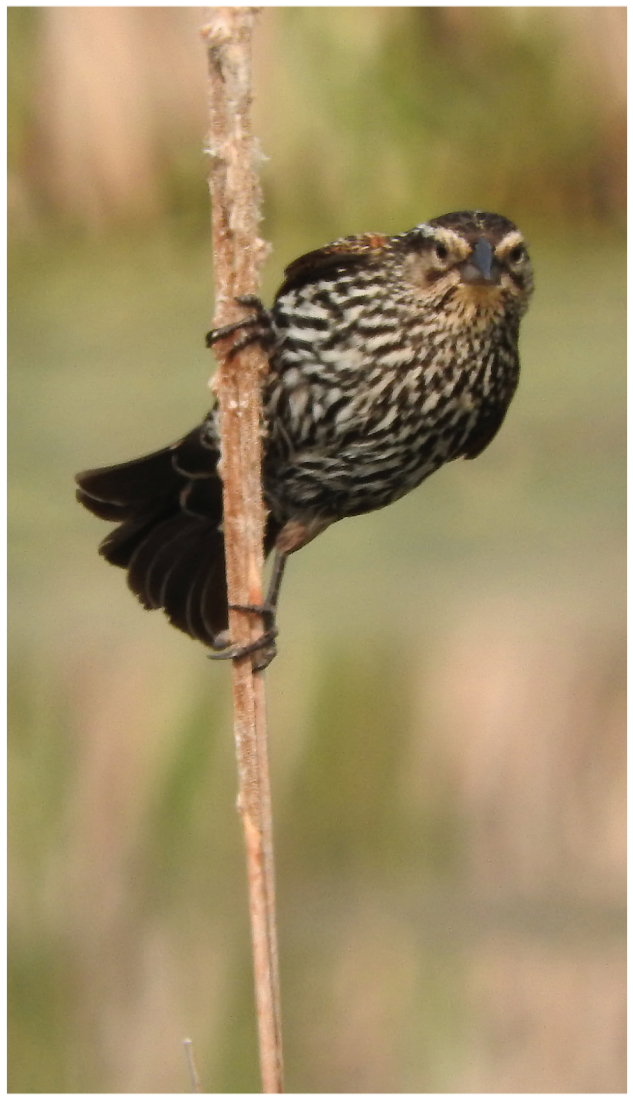
STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

5. I don't think I want "He died in a freak putting accident" on my tombstone.
6. I'd want to fish every water hole.
7. You can't put a canoe on a golf cart.
8. I firmly believe the phrase "a swing and a miss" should only apply to baseball.
9. I'd start wanting a caddie for everything.
10. I'd spend hours looking for the 19th hole.

Mother's nature

I forget all these years
When the snow disappears
And I've pined the whole winter for spring
That when trilliums come
And I find my green thumb
I'm tormented by winged gits that sting
It's these ironies of life
Which when sunshine is rife
With the glories of bare legs and gin
Do inevitably
Steal the freshness from me
And suggest now I Deet
up my skin
Oh, I get without bugs
That the food chain unplugs
And the flowers aren't helped to display
That this system feeds all
And without, the world's small
But life never moves mostly my way
Same goes for the weather
We all Google together
Decides if we boat or cannot
When meteors blast
Or auroras forecast
It rains or it clouds to boycott
Now don't get me wrong
The whole summer's a song
I can sleep without socks or duvet
Yet would it be rightful
And rather delightful
If I chose the forecast each day?
All eclipses we'd see
Giant blue moons aussi
And alignments of planets due west
I could kayak and cleanse
Hold a bonfire with friends
And the garden stays perfectly blessed
But I'm recently told
No, it's more of a scold
To get off my high equine and know
That humility's wise
Since we can't control skies
Just the way that we let the wind blow

By Deborah J Reed



A female redwing blackbird defends her nest. /BELINDA GALLAGHER Special to County Life

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The Land Between's Turtle Guardians headquarters became officially available to the public on June 6. From left to right, Ally Lahey, citizen science leader, Logan Lindsay, turtle guardian education leader, Brittany Stoneman, stewardship coordinator, Jaime Kearnan, turtle guardian admin assistant, and Leora Berman co-founder and chief operating officer for The Land Between report to work on site at 6712 Gelert Rd. /VANESSA BALINTEC Staff

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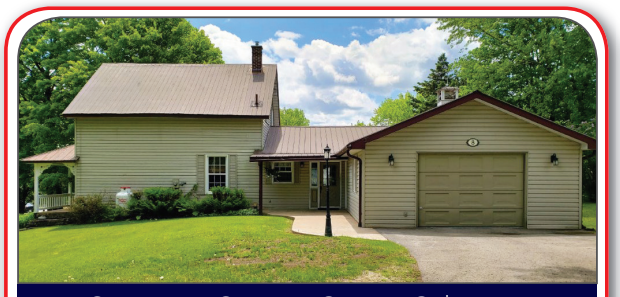

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Tracing the history of Canada's flag and anthem

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Canada Day is entrenched in what it means to be Canadian – a day for everything to be red and white and for maple leaves to adorn every surface – but can you imagine what it would have been like to have been around for the very first "Canada Day"?

On July 1, 1867, four provinces (Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec) came together to form the Dominion of Canada. According to contemporary accounts, there were bonfires, fireworks, military displays and other entertainment to mark this huge occasion. The celebrations would have extended to every corner of the Dominion, including Haliburton County, which at that point was still a part of Peterborough County. Interestingly, though the Governor-General began to push almost immediately for a statutory holiday, commemorations of Confederation in the coming years remained low-key. Dominion Day, as it came to be known, was marked fairly quietly and just at the local level, until 1917 – the 50th anniversary of Confederation.

Many people reading this will surely have memories of when Canada Day was known as Dominion Day, as the change only happened in 1982. Interestingly though, the conversation about the change actually began as early as 1946 when a Quebec member of the House of Commons proposed the name "Canada Day." His suggestion went as far as the Senate, but its recommendation of instead using the rather cumbersome name, "The National Holiday of Canada," put an end to the debate for a time.

The 1980s were a time for the adoption of many instantly recognizable Canadian symbols, including our national anthem. "O Canada" was originally composed in 1880 in French for that year's Saint Jean Baptiste Day celebrations, with English lyrics following later. "O Canada" was long the informal anthem for the country, often performed in tandem with "God Save the King" (or later Queen), but it wasn't until the country's National Anthem Act received Royal Assent just 39 years ago that it became official.

Canada's iconic maple leaf flag, meanwhile, was subject to a debate that seemed to consume much of the early 1960s in the country. For decades, Britain's Union Jack had been prominent in Canada, eventually adapted to create the Red Ensign, which showed the Union Jack in its upper left hand corner. The decision to create a distinctly Canadian flag, led to the creation of an all-party committee from the House of Commons. The committee considered 2,000 proposed designs from the public, as well an additional 3,900 which were on file, going back as far as the mid-1940s. Ultimately, Stanley and Matheson's design, which took its inspiration from that of Kingston's Royal Military College, emerged as the favourite, but only after six months of debate and 308 speeches on the topic. Today, their design is recognized as a Canadian emblem all over the world.

So many of these symbols underline the idea of Canada as a "young" country, but it's vital to remember that this land also has a history which extends back millennia. Interested in learning more about our community and country's history this summer? Join us at the Haliburton Highlands Museum for a fun and fascinating roster of summer programs – from kids' camps to theatrical presentations and historic walking tours to international celebrations, we have something for everyone! We look forward to welcoming you soon!

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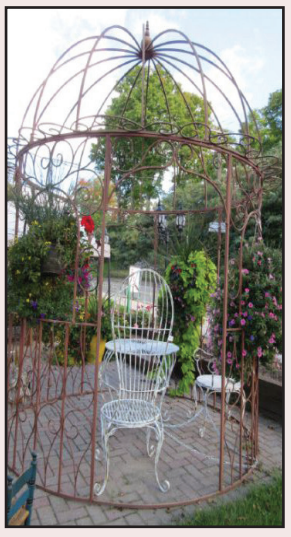

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MARCI MANDEL
Way of Wonder

Our granddaughter Lottie loves music and wants to be a rock star when she grows up. We have fun rescuing dragonflies and writing songs.

There's something about playfulness that is so enchanting, it's as if it comes about in some magical dimension, some parallel summer holiday universe, where time stands still, creativity abounds and sharing is caring.

Artists seem to get this, and no wonder our county attracts and nurtures them. Being in the flow, in the groove, in tune with beauty, is easy when you're surrounded by trees, water and supportive patrons.

Playing always came easily to me – sports, music, games – I came alive when I played pretty much anything. But then I tried the drums: first timpani in high school, then years later a djembe in drum circle. I thought I'd be good at djembe and played boldly, with confidence – con brio. But no, I wasn't wildly good, I was just wild, which was really odd. I was good at music. I started the piano at age six, later learned the trumpet and flute quickly, and could sight read. Hey, my brother even played the drums – this should have been a breeze.

But I couldn't keep the beat – no, I couldn't find the beat! Then at a workshop an instructor had us tapping our chest to the rhythm we were counting. When we got lost, he said to come back to beat one… one…one… "Always feel where beat one is."

This was a ridiculous challenge, so I bought a drum, dusted off my old wooden metronome and began a journey into rhythming.

One…one…one two one…one…one… one two one.

One two three four One two three four

One two three four One two binga banga bonga…

This sounded so easy, but I couldn't keep it going. I lost focus and started improvising and creating my own rhythms – which were fun and funky, but not what the lesson was.

What was so difficult? Why wasn't I able to relax into the downbeat: one?

It wasn't until months later, when doing an exercise to ground my energy,

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Making rhythm come alive is an art

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I realized I was trying to play notes and not play music. I learned music as an intellectual pursuit – do this and this and get that result: logic based. Rhythm is logical, even mathematical, but that's on paper. Making it come alive, breathing life into it, is an art: something beyond logic that I didn't yet understand.

"Be like a child," the sages say. Be in that magical, parallel summer holiday dimension where time stands still, creativity abounds and sharing is caring.

Eventually I learned if I wanted to feel the rhythm, feel the pulse, I needed to move my attention from my head into my body. In a healthy body, rhythm is second nature, and since I had no illness, I thought I was good. But how could I have been healthy? I was performing like an erratic, high-voltage, ungrounded electrical wire.

I eventually realized the root cause was an over-stimulated nervous system (also known as anxiety). This was preventing me from relaxing into the groove. How curious. Within no time, "teachers" appeared and I learned how to ground and stabilize my charge.

"Shake it out your hands, stomp it out your feet, blow it out your mouth," they said.

Other techniques I learned were to imagine a feather floating down behind my head, drifting down, down, to the bottom of my spine. A quicker method I call Breath to Heart is, using my imagination, inhale through my nose and fill my heart, hold, then exhale and fill my pelvis with relaxing warmth.

Knowing how to ground my energy has brought wonderful surprises. Not only can I play djembe in the drum circle, I also play timpani, congas, crash cymbals, etc. in the Highlands Chamber Orchestra and Highlands Wind Symphony.

Being connected with the aliveness of rhythm, and the aliveness of children, makes every day wondrous, makes every day summertime groovy.

Let's play!

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Highlands Summer Festival has something for everyone

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Summer has arrived and the Highlands Summer Festival is taking to the stage with something for everyone. The festival, which opens June 30, is promising a diverse offering of plays – from a fantasy-filled musical to a one-woman show – as well as a range of generations within the cast. The newest actor to show off his acting chops on stage is eight years old, while one of the most experienced is about seven decades older than that, give or take a few years.

"I love the work," said artistic director Scot Denton. "There's nothing quite like watching someone take their curtain call and you can see it in their face that they're proud of what they did. Nothing like it."

Some actors are seasoned talent, while others might be taking their first bow this season, but the love of theatre is ensuring productions are something special.

"A woman in Haliburton who has done three seasons with us now, she comes every year, she works with computers all week, she comes to rehearsal and I can see in her eyes, she just loves it."

Denton said the HSF is unique in that rehearsal begins in April, allowing time to make performances spectacular.

"Because we rehearse on weekends, there's more time for people to absorb and to work on their own," he said. "So you can take people, teach them to tap dance, teach them an accent, you're not just doing it in two-and-a-half weeks." And it takes time to put together such an ambitious line-up. The 20th season of the HSF includes *Mary Poppins, Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks, The Ladies Foursome, Trudeau Stories* and *TorQ Percussion Ensemble*.

"We've been pushing the envelope and the team of volunteers has been stepping up and getting it done," said Denton. *Mary Poppins* kicks off the season in a big way, with performances from June 30 to July 9. Denton says it has it all: choreography, musical theatre numbers, and "a lot of costumes in the park." "First of all, *Mary Poppins* is a big, big, show," he said. "There are lots of locations you have to create, a lot of choreography ... You know, the kids go to the park and it's all dark and gloomy and serious, and then because Mary and Bert are there, they make it cheery and all of a sudden the people are all wearing bright vests. It's a big machine."

Duncan Evans-Fockler, who plays Michael Banks, has been somewhat of an acting sponge, according to Denton.

"He knows it all, and he knows other people's lines. He just goes in. He sings the notes, he's singing harmonies..." Likewise, Tate Itani Smith who plays Jane Banks, "is just brilliant," said Denton.

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The Highlands Summer Festival invites the public this summer to see the live musical performance of Mary Poppins, which stars, from left, Duncan Evans-Fockler, as Michael Banks, Beth Robertson, as Mary Poppins, and Tate Itani Smith, as Jane Banks. The opening show is at 7:30 p.m. on June 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. Youth tickets (18 and under) are available for matinee performances. See www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca for more details and information. /DARREN LUM Staff

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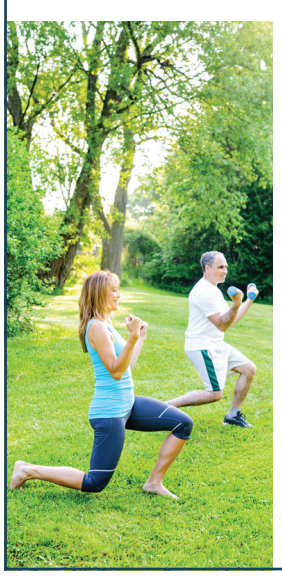

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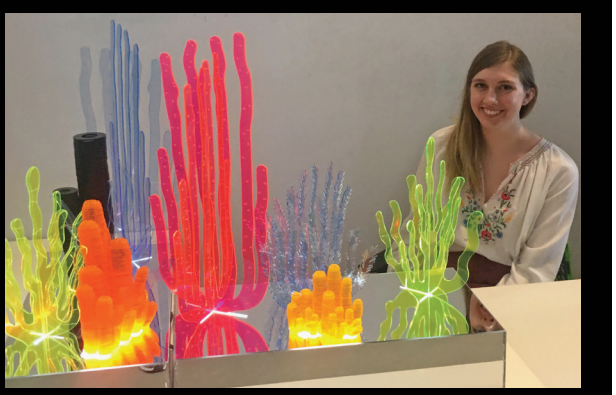

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"What could be better than four women alone where they can talk about anything they want," said Denton. "Sometimes it isn't very much about the golf at all, but you still have to hit the ball and go get it and hit it again." *The Ladies Foursome*, by Norm Foster, runs from July 29 to Aug. 2, Aug. 4, and Aug. 6 to 8.

Trudeau Stories, by Brooke Johnson, is on for three performances only: July 10, 11 and 12. "Brooke has created this one-woman show out of experiences she had when she was at the National Theatre School and, well, we're going to learn the details when we see the show," said Denton. "She got to know Pierre Trudeau, and they spent time together, and we're going to find out what happened, and a little bit of what they did, and the intrigue and the strangeness of it."

Finally, TorQ Percussion Ensemble runs July 24, 25 and 26. "They're creative artists who use all kinds of instruments to create mood and sound," said Denton. "They work together and separately and they have a suite they play."

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Denton is excited for it all. "It's theatre, it's storytelling," he said. "It's exciting to watch other people learn how to do it." And before he signs off with, "see you at the theatre," he says: "I hope people get to come to the theatre. It's pretty special."

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To that end we have been fortunate to receive grants and donations that will allow us to hire summer students, enhance our programming, and buy specialized collections and equipment.

We are also able to expand our hours so that the Minden Hills and the Dysart branches will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.on Mondays from July 8 until Aug. 26 with exception of Aug. 5 for the civic holiday.

We will start handing out TD Summer Reading Club packages in all branches during the last week of June.

The TD Summer Reading Club is Canada's biggest, bilingual summer reading program for kids of all ages, interests, and abilities. This free program is co-created and delivered by more than 2,000 public libraries across Canada including all our branches. It celebrates Canadian authors, illustrators and stories, and is designed to inspire kids to explore the fun of reading their way – the key to building a lifelong love of reading.

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Participants explore recommended reads; track their own reading; connect and share with others across the country; read books online; join in activities; collect reading incentives; write jokes, stories and book reviews, and more. There are great resources for those with print disabilities as well as for pre-readers and their families. It has been proven that children who read through the summer are more prepared for school in September.

In support of the summer reading club, there will also be family story times running from July 2 until Aug. 30 at the Dysart, Minden, Stanhope, and Wilberforce library branches.

Those same branches will host minimakers, which is an introduction to various technologies explored through playing and making. As our world becomes more and more reliant on technology, coding and programming are becoming necessary skills. Our programs incorporate all aspects of STEAM, (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) that help young learners develop a comfort level with technology and creativity.

Haliburton County Public Library hosts activities throughout the year for people of all ages. Here, a family enjoys playing with some of the tech resources. /DARREN LUM Staff

The portable library will be at Stanhope Heritage Day on July 17 and the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Aug. 9. As always there will be handouts and activities that introduce what the library has to offer you. One beautiful day this summer there just might be an outdoor pop-up event near you, and on rainy days we often offer additional children's activities at our Dysart and Minden branches. Following us on Twitter or Facebook ensures that you always know what is going on at the library.

Adult programming will continue during July and August, including Afternoons with Ancestors *which* allows you to research your family history using the Ancestry database with assistance from the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. Bring your questions and find your lineage.

Tech Time provides you a safe environment to explore whatever issues you are having difficulty with or topics you want to learn.

You are not alone: lots of people have difficulty with their cellphones, tablets, and computers. Sometimes we also don't know the answers, but together we can explore technology and figure things out.

Topics for Tech Time can include: cell/tablet/computer basics, email, social media, online shopping, ebooks, photos, video messaging, privacy and security etc.

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For the love of composting

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County Life Editor

The Cases have a three-bin composting system. They move the contents from one bin to the next as it breaks down. On the left, the composting materials are piled high. In the middle bin, the soil created through the composting process. / JENN WATT Staff

Composting in cottage country doesn't necessarily mean attracting critters.

Several local composting enthusiasts say proper use of a compost bin can eliminate many of the potential problems and create nutrient-rich soil for your garden.

"I have only once had a raccoon take the lid off my composter," says Suzanne Partridge, a landscaper by profession and councillor for the Municipality of Highlands East.

She has lived in the Highlands for 30 years and before that was in Toronto where she similarly never encountered issues with wildlife in her compost.

Partridge is chair of the Highlands East environment committee, which is in the process of acquiring compost bins to sell at-cost to area residents to encourage composting, which aside from providing the landowner with soil for their garden, also keeps organic matter out of landfills.

Dysart et al has also decided to offer compost bins to residents and other municipalities are in the deciding stages.

According to materials provided by the Municipality of Dysart et al, one-third of household garbage can be composted including fruits and vegetables, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, egg shells and paper egg cartons, leaves, garden plants and grass clippings, in small quantities.

Being an avid gardener, Partridge said she tends to keep her coffee grounds to spread over her carrot plants to keep carrot maggots away. She crushes her egg shells and puts them in the soil around her tomatoes to give them needed calcium.

She said she goes to the landfill about once a month, mostly motivated by the amount of recycling she has – not because of her garbage bin.

Gooderham area resident Andrew von Zuben is also an infrequent visitor to the waste disposal site. He and his wife Kira are homesteaders and run the business Bedrock and Brambles, which teaches skills in self-suf-

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'Kitchen waste isn't really waste'

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ficiency and living more lightly on the land.

"I wouldn't call us zero waste, but we're pretty darn close," he said.

Household waste is "virtually nothing" he said, but adds that the family is frustrated that there's still unavoidable packaging, like the foil lining under lids or the wrapper on a block of butter.

Because the von Zubens grow their own food, they see compostables as prized resources.

"Anything that's organic is valuable and needs to go back into the soil," von Zuben said.

"Kitchen waste isn't really waste."

Bedrock and Brambles offers a workshop on building your own compost bin and von Zuben can be contacted to do lessons on-demand with groups looking to learn.

Similar to Partridge, he said he hasn't had any issues with bears in his composter.

"The whole bear thing: where we are we have bears and we've always had bears and bears come visit us all the time. They've never ever, ever, ever hit the compost," he said. The bears are more interested in grain kept to feed the chickens on the property.

Which leads to another point brought up by both Partridge and von Zuben: most people do other things on their properties far more alluring to bears and other critters than keeping a compost bin.

"What people seem to forget … how many people have barbecues? I mean, honestly. So many people barbecue and barbecues get hit all the time," von Zuben said.

Partridge agreed: "To me, that [barbecues] would be a much bigger attraction and also a lot of people keep garbage in sheds. If the bears wanted it, they would rip that shed to shreds."

Gooderham area residents Liz and Nick Case live off the grid in a home surrounded by gardens. Near the back of the property they have a three-bin composter built of wood pallets. Organic materials are loaded into the first bin and as the material breaks down, it is moved into the second, where it reduces into soil that can be used on their flower and vegetable gardens. The heap in the first bin, which is about waist-height, will reduce to about 10 inches over time, Nick said.

They've lived on the property for nine years and before that ran an organic farm on Galway Road near Kinmount for a decade.

They've learned along the way what works and what doesn't. Oak leaves, for example, take a long time to rot. Grass clippings works well.

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Nick Case sifts the soil created through composting. Sometimes, items that you think will break down don't and need to be removed from the soil before it's spread. /JENN WATT Staff

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Open compost heaps can become unexpected gardens

Liz and Nick Case show the fruits of their labour – nutrient-rich soil created by their compost bins at their property near Gooderham. The pair have been composting "forever." /JENN WATT Staff

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The Cases don't see bears or raccoons on their property at all, but they do have plenty of chipmunks and squirrels visiting the bins.

And sometimes they find the composters become their own gardens, creating the perfect foothold for pumpkins and squash seeds to take root.

Liz said one year a giant pumpkin grew on the compost pile. It took three people to lift into the car.

The Cases, Partridge and von Zuben all say that they are relaxed about the ratios of what goes into their compost bins and they still are successful in keeping animals out and creating soil for their gardens.

However, von Zuben said that with more attention to the ratio of green to brown materials going in and with proper management, people can be more certain of success.

"Your greens are your nitrogen-heavy material, so that would be green grass, garden waste, stuff from the kitchen. And it's usually wet and if you left it out it would smell and rot. And then there's [brown] things like the most common would be leaves. Leaves, or in our case we have a lot of straw or hay or wood chips or wood shavings and that's high in carbon. ... 30 parts brown, carbon-heavy materials to one part nitrogen-heavy materials. If you don't do that, it doesn't break down quickly," he said.

Having the 30:1 ratio greatly reduces the smell, which makes the composter less interesting to animals.

For some people, using a digester is a more amenable option.

Digesters can also include meat and a small amount of animal feces. They are entirely sealed and instead of creating soil they create leachate, which can be used in the garden.

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Anaerobic digesters offer solution to reduce smell

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If you open a digester, von Zuben said with a laugh, "it smells baaaaaaad."

"But it's sealed, so the odour isn't getting out. Peterborough County, they market the digesters for the northern part of the county [because of bears]," he said.

Dysart et al recommends the following for those composting in the municipality:

- Do not add cooked or leftover food scraps in your bin
- Never compost meat, fish, fats, oil, grease, bones, or dairy products.
- Sprinkle your compost with lime to aid in decomposition and reduce odour.
- It is key that each time you add kitchen waste, cover it with brown materials (dry leaves, sawdust, newspaper or dried grass clippings) or soil.
- Keep compost aerated and properly turned. Add branches, if necessary, to get air underneath the pile.
- Locate the compost bin in an open area, well away from the forest edge, thickets and natural pathways used by bears.
- Better yet, try vermicomposting – an indoor compost system that uses worms to digest the organic material.

Despite best efforts, bears might still raid a compost bin, von Zuben said, especially if you live in an area with a high population of them. But for many people, composting without animal interference is possible.

"There's two reasons it's really important. One is the landfill, and making sure we're not filling the landfill and being wasteful, but the other one, from our point of view is the importance of having gardens, the importance of understanding the ecological cycle, the importance of making sure that food waste doesn't go to the landfill where it's dead and [instead make sure] it ends up in gardens and reused to grow more food."

Book of the Month Staff Pick

Gayle Wetmore, Branch Supervisor at HCPL's Stanhope Branch recommends:

Starlight by Richard Wagamese

Emmy and her young daughter commit a desperate act to flee a life of violence. They find refuge with Frank Starlight, an Indigenous man with phenomenal nature photography skills. His spiritual connection to beautiful backcountry BC allows him to take amazing pictures of wildlife and the land. But Emmy's abusive ex is vengeful, and they must escape to the wilderness where Starlight teaches them the skills to survive, and there they find the healing power of nature.

Gayle says: I really like Wagamese's writing, his feel for the land, his magical descriptions, his storytelling and his empathy for his characters. The setting in the wild backcountry was awe inspiring.

Rating: 8.5/10. Sadly, the book was not finished when Wagamese died. It was unsatisfying in that respect.

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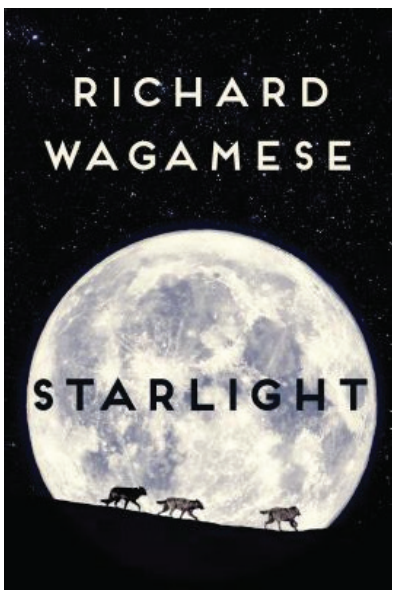

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Decades before longtime *Haliburton Echo* correspondent Eleanor Cooper wrote about the happenings of West Guilford there was a place in the newspaper to share bits and pieces of information about people who lived in the hamlet.

"Miss Phyllis Little of West Guilford was the winner of the fruit cake raffled recently at Hay & Co., Kennisis Lake," reads one clipping from the archives, noting the "hearty response to ticket sales netted $50.25."

"Miss Hattie Stamp spent a week in Toronto visiting relatives," reads another.

"Tom Barry has had a long siege with his broken leg," reports another. "However, he is to have the cast removed in a few days and hopes to be able to resume his studies at the Haliburton High School before long. We hear that he has become a pretty expert cribbage player during his long confinement."

And in local traffic news, "On Sunday, churchgoers on the River Road saw a string of cars held up, while one of their number sat crosswise on the slippery road."

The archives, and Cooper's work today, record the stories of the community that celebrates its 150th year in 2019.

According to *Place Names of Ontario*, written by Alan Rayburn, Guilford was named in 1861 for the borough of Guildford in Surrey, England. William Overton was 25, Francis Coates was 26 and George Kelso was 30 when they were listed on the assessment rolls as the first three settlers in West Guilford in 1869.

The community was brought together in tragedy in 1909, when a triple drowning accident was reported on "Keneese" Lake, on June 14. An article in the *Fenelon Falls Gazette* reports that on June 14, friends of Robert H. Cruickshanks Jr., Edmund McGuire, and Archie Bird were "mourning the loss of three noble-hearted young men of West Guilford." They had headed out for Dorset by way of the Keneese Lake canoe route.

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Kate Butler of Haliburton Highlands Museum shared this photo of early days in West Guilford. "I think it does a nice job of illustrating what life was like for settlers in Guilford," she said. "It's not a terribly early pic (1923), but it shows the style of home that would have been common. This particular home was on Pine Lake and belonged to the Barnum family." /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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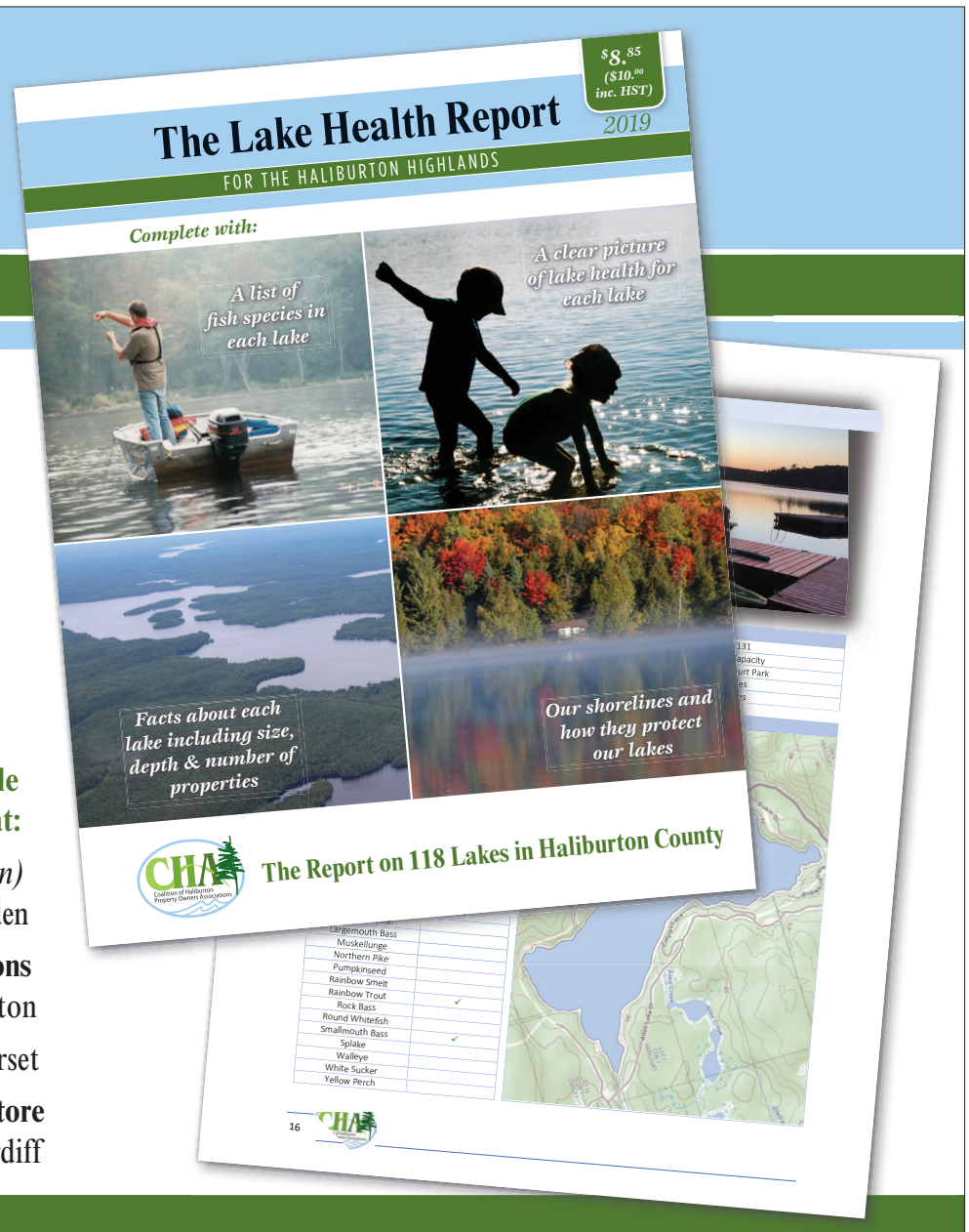
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"Apparently all went well until this lake, which is a very large one, was reached, when it would appear that their canoes filled," reads the article. "No one knew of the accident at the time, and no search was made till after it was learned that they had not reached their destination and none had seen them. As they were all active young men it was yet hoped that they were safe, but no time was lost in making a search, which disclosed the fact that all were drowned."

Cruickshanks and McGuire had been married to sisters.

"The young men were all raised in West Guilford, their parents, brothers and sisters are there, and nearly every home in the community is in mourning," reported the paper.

But the community came together for good times, as well.

In the '50s, the "Tag Alder Gardens" ice rink was used for figure skating and hockey by residents, including Ron Stackhouse, who went on to play for the NHL. Bernie Nicholls, too, skated at Tag Alder Gardens before his own NHL career.

Nowadays, attractions like Abbey Gardens or the Lakeside Golf Club draw visitors to the area, but from 1909 until 1925, a half-mile racetrack on George Barry's farm in the area brought in a crowd.

"It was a huge attraction and people would come from places like Fenelon Falls and Lindsay to race their horses – which doesn't seem like far today, but considering what the roads were like back then..." said Kate Butler of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Guilford Boy, a local horse, won races throughout the province, and broke track records in the United States on a trip there with Barry and Jimmy Powell, the horse's trainer.

According to Nila Reynolds' *In Quest of Yesterday*, Barry and Powell, "travelled widely with the 'Guilford Boy,' whose speed and proud carriage made him a crowd pleaser at races and fall fairs all through Ontario. He collected a trunk full of ribbons as the best animal in his class. The trio even spent three months on the American racing circuit where the 'Guilford Boy' established some new track records. After six or seven years, the 'Guilford Boy' was kicked on the stifle and died from infection. George Barry did not long survive him and with their passing the Guilford races were held no more."

From horse racing to the Hillman, the Haliburton Highlands museum has a reproduction photo of Jimmy Cooper's garage in downtown Guilford, taken likely in the 1950s.

"The building is nondescript – it appears to be stucco over cement block construction; it bears no signage," said Steve Hill, describing the photo. "However, Jimmy Cooper is pumping gas from a Texaco pump into a customer's car." Hill believes that Cooper sold the Hillman, an English car.

"They were popular in Canada after

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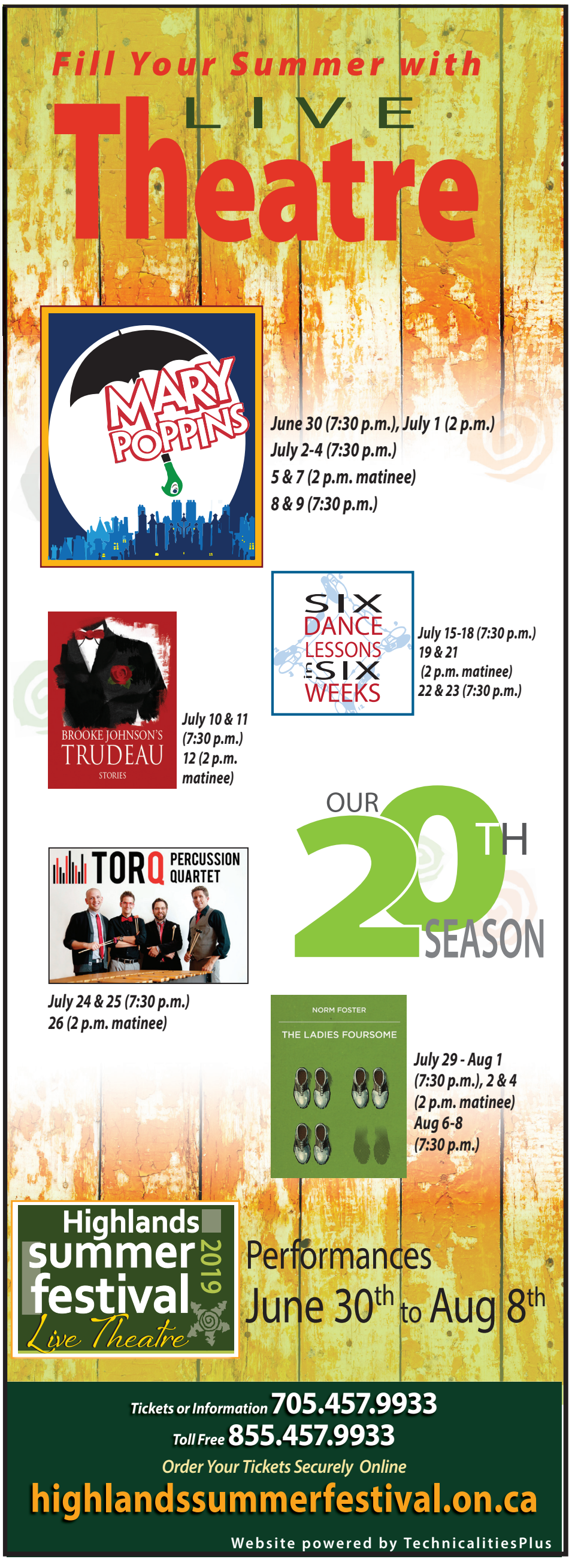
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World War Two, say from the 1950s into the early '60s as I recall."

Carol Stamp notes she wasn't born in the area but area phone numbers roll off her tongue and she casually refers to Guilford, like a local. She started visiting the area in '72, and was married in '75.

"We always went to the dances, they used to have a monthly dance in West Guilford, and if you didn't get your ticket halfway through the month, you didn't get in because it was full," she said. And then, laughing: "At that time, Gerald Bain's dad, Clarence Bain, sold the tickets. He kept them in his pocket, so you had to catch him around town to get a ticket or you didn't get going."

For many years, Stamp volunteered on the committee that made Canada Day happen, and she still helps organize a nomination for Citizen of the Year. Past winners have included Mac Prentice, the last principal of the school in West Guilford, Gerald Bain and George Nicholson who ran a horseshoe tournament for years, Bill Burden, Kathleen Owens, Nancy Brink, Stackhouse and Nicholls – even Stamp herself, who was nominated unbeknownst to her.

The award goes to someone who is community-minded. "It's what you've done for your community," she said. An announcement of the year's recipient of the award takes place at the Canada Day celebrations.

The inaugural West Guilford Canada Day event was held in 1980, and now hosts hundreds of attendees.

"What we started it for was to have a free day for parents to take their kids and have fun," said Stamp. "We encouraged everyone to bring their own picnic lunch for their families."

Stamp said in the past, generations of families would attend the celebration.

"Families used to come, extended families," she said. "They would all gather around picnic tables, the Sissons and the Stamps, and ... just every big family in Guilford would bring all the kids, the grandparents would come."

For years, Stamp said there was maybe just one rain day in the decades of celebration, though the last few years have had some "iffy" weather reports. But still, people come out for the day.

"We're all very close, we all know what's going on, pretty much, even though there's new people coming in, they're still welcomed in the community," she said, and spoke of seasonal residents making the move to full-time: "Once you get West Guilford in your blood, you don't get it out," she laughed. "It's a neat little community."

The 39th West Guilford Canada Day and 150th town anniversary celebrations take place July 1. They include a pie baking contest and pick-up hockey with Nicholls, as well as the annual Horseshoe and Pine Lake swim at 10 a.m. (registration at 9 a.m.), the Highlands Concert Band, field races, a scavenger hunt, bouncy castle, water games, a mud pie contest, tug of war, a roast beef dinner at 5:30 p.m. and fireworks in the evening. Prizes will be awarded to the "best red and white," and the best decorated bike.

with files from Kate Butler, Adele Espina, Steve Hill and Hannah Sadlier

Lauren Farlinger, left, and Macy Love were last year's flag raisers at Canada Day in West Guilford. /JENN WATT Staff

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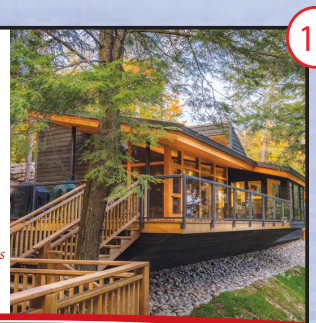

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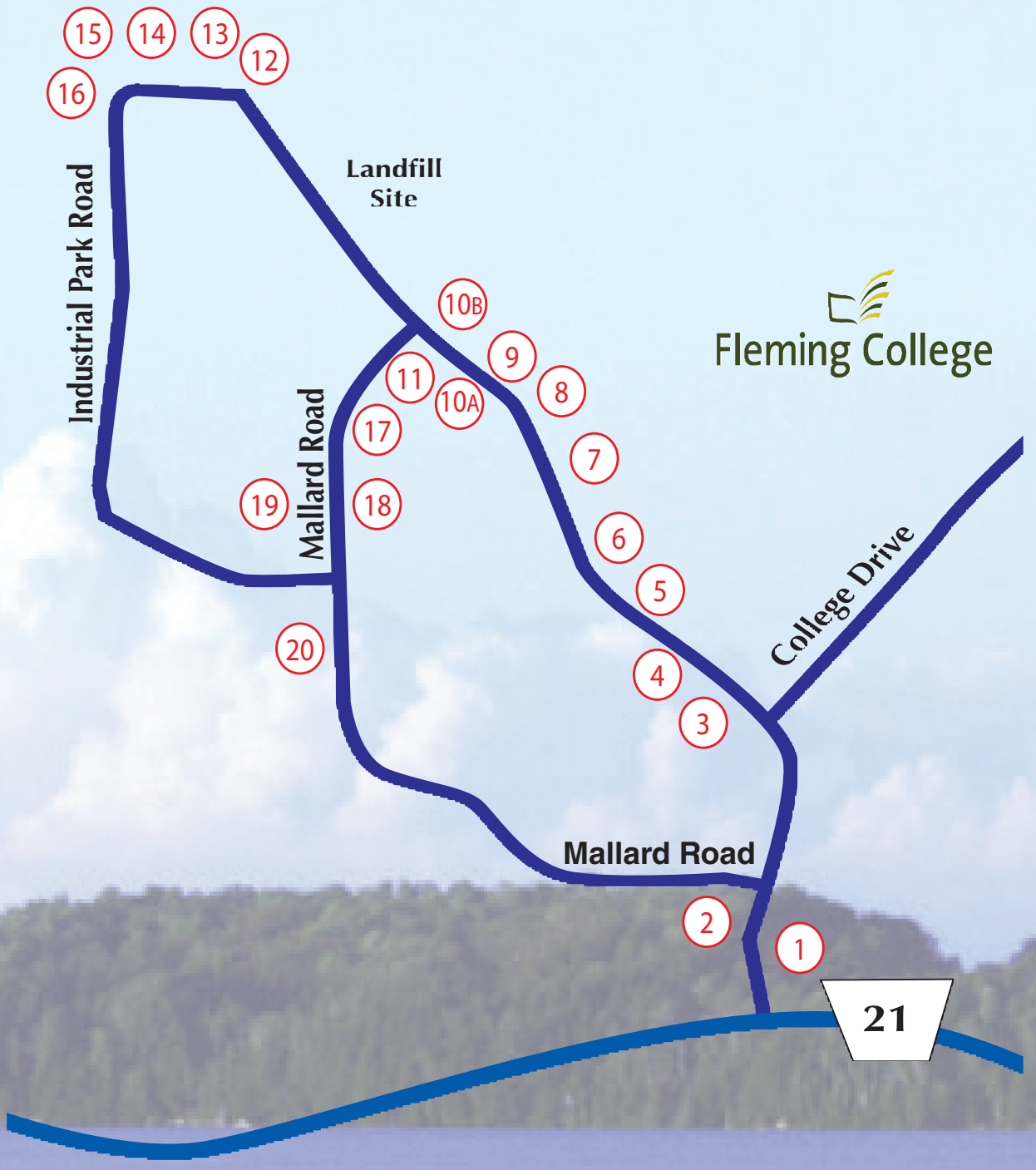

Gardening in the Wild: Rocks and plants –

BELINDA GALLAGHER
Garden Musings

THERE IS rock gardening and there is gardening with rocks. The difference is very subtle and involves memberships in several seed exchanges, Tilley hats and how the rocks are located in a garden.

Rock gardeners, in general, are an eccentric bunch, much like bird watchers. As I am both, I can fully describe myself as odd. Not odd in a bad way, just a little peculiar around the edges. Growing plants from seed is a passion (my significant other says addiction) and our gardens are filled with unusual specimens. It is a collector's garden, not a landscape designer's work.

Which brings me to my point about gardening with rocks. Landscape designers like to use rocks. Not because they are trying to mimic the habitat of the plants as those who rock garden do, but rather for the innate beauty created when plants are grown next to rocks. Evaluating our garden here in Tory Hill, I considered that there was some accidental landscape design happening.

You see Haliburton has rocks – loads of rocks. We are benefiting from the geologic dumping of these boulders.

According to an extract from Pelham Mulvaney's *History of the County of Peterborough* written in 1884 (accessed from ontariogeneology.com), the rocks that are strewn about our countryside were "conveyed to their present locations at a period when the region was beneath the surface of the ocean, by means of icebergs and ice-fields. The icebergs breaking loose from the shores of the northern seas, were laden on their surface with stones which had fallen from the cliffs, and stones were also embedded in the bottom of the icebergs which had formed in shallow water. Both icebergs and ice-fields drifted south with the currents, and, melting in the warmer latitudes, dropped their burden of stones to the bottom of the ocean; gradual elevation of the continent during the lapse of time brought these boulder stones to light, and after remaining for long geological periods at the bottom of the sea they are now one of the chief annoyances of the settler."

What was the annoyance of the settler is an opportunity for the gardener.

Oddly, the kind of rock is less important than the presence of the rock.

Several landscaping websites that described rocks as "natural" stone amused me. Of course, they were contrasting their product with synthetic products, but the idea that rocks are anything but natural is confounding. When

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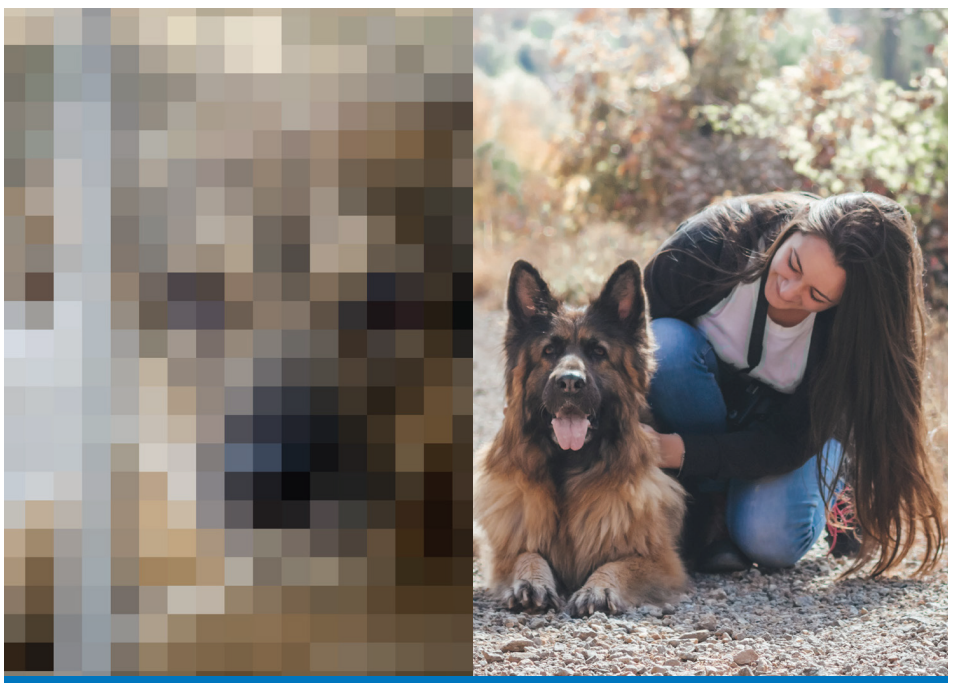
Hen and chicks, left, and moss phlox, below, love rocks and are favourites of rock gardeners and those gardening with rocks.



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the perfect twosome

This before and after illustrates how a burst of green can liven up rock. Ornamental grass and trailing bellflowers pop.

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did we make the real thing so unusual that we have to describe it as real? One site actually said that rock could be an eco-friendly addition to almost any outdoor space.

Eco-friendly? Only if it is already on the site where it is being used. Otherwise the high cost of energy and water used to extract and transport the rock tips the scale toward wasteful. But I digress.

The fact that there are boulders strewn about combined with my fondness for plants means that the two were bound to meet up. Consider the hens and chickens that are seductively draped between boulders at the edge of the patio or the moss phlox spilling down

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Many plants 'landscape themselves' near rocks

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the stone steps. Both plants love rocks and are favourites of rock gardeners and those gardening with rocks.

Tucking their roots into the crevices of the rocks, they collect any water that runs down the surface. Even in very dry times, the rocks will condense moisture from the temperature difference between the air and stone. The plants also take the opportunity to feed on the minerals of the rock. In this case, the beauty of the duo is secondary to the eco-system services of food and water.

There are many plants that will "landscape" themselves by self-seeding next to rocks. A particularly tenacious sensitive fern (Onoclea sensibilis) decided to grow on the shady side of a rock by the driveway. If you think about it, you will often find these volunteers, as my granny called them, seeding themselves in the protection of boulders or walls. Our native columbine is notorious for travelling along rocky outcroppings in this manner.

In terms of purposely gardening with rocks, some years ago I planted the white form of purple coneflower (Echinacea "White Swan") cheek to jowl with a handsome stone. Every August the blooms stand out boldly against the lichen-covered granite. In fact, the pairing is so perfect that all of the other coneflowers in the garden are quite jealous.

All of this rock and plant musing led me to a quick experiment last week. I took a photo of a new stone step without any green. Then I planted an ornamental grass – Northern sea oats – and a couple trailing bellflowers – Campanula "Dickson's Gold," which is a lovely, bright chartreuse. The result, a perfect twosome.

Note: According to Wikipedia, chartreuse was named after a French liqueur of the same colour introduced in 1764. Perhaps that is why it is my favourite shade of green.

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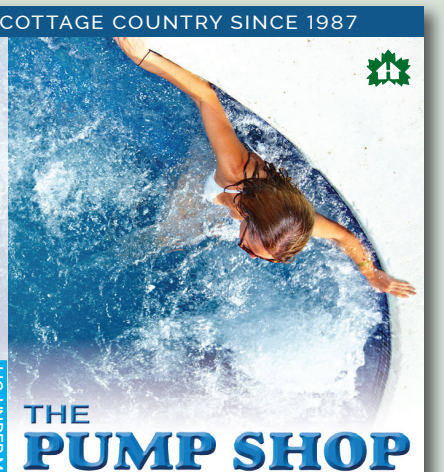

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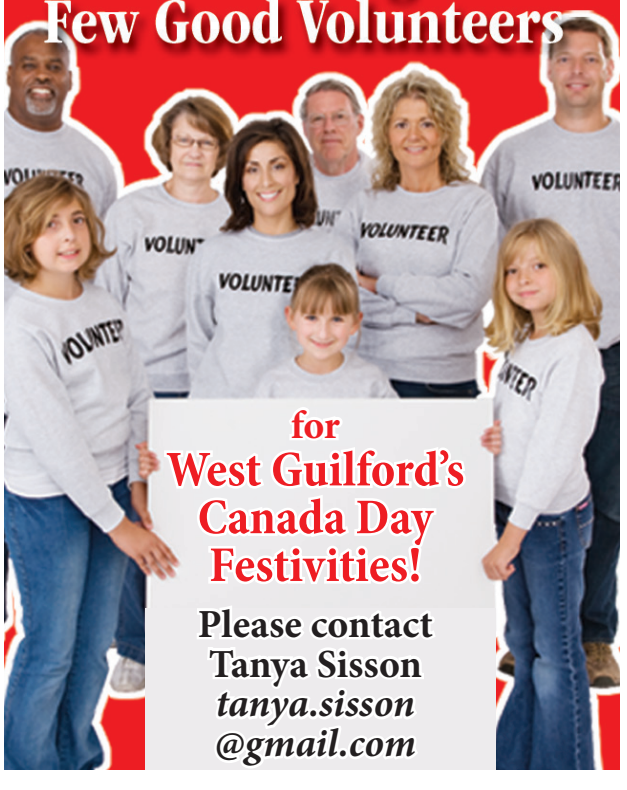

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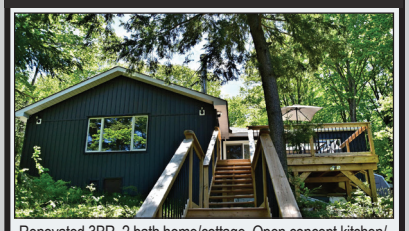

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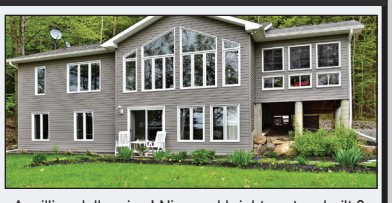

A million dollar view! Nice and bright custom built 3 BR, 3 bath home across the road from Twelve Mile Lake. Waterfront enjoyment without waterfront taxes. Finished to perfection.

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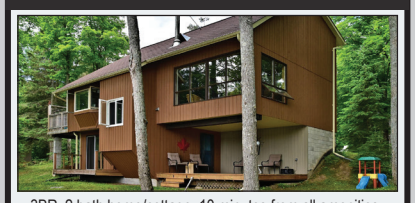

3BR, 2 bath home/cottage, 10 minutes from all amenities. Pine ceilings throughout, open concept kitchen and many upgrades. Private lot with level grassed area- great for kids. Stunning lake views, Large sitting dock at waters edge.

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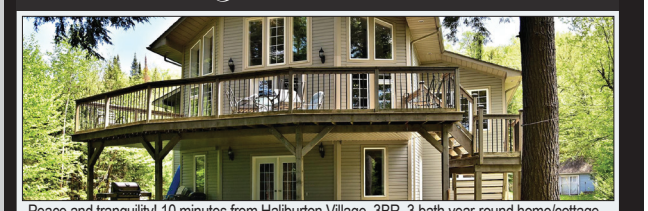
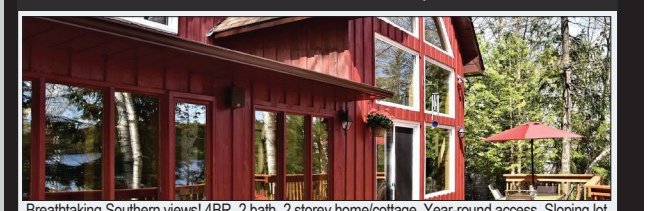


Peace and tranquility! 10 minutes from Haliburton Village. 3BR, 3 bath year-round home/cottage. Quiet bay. Large open concept 2 1/2 storey home w/ finished loft.

Kennisis Lake $839,000

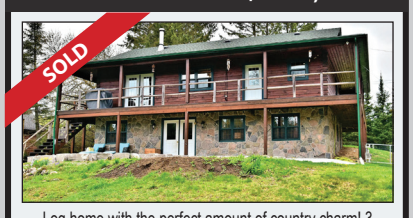


Breathtaking Southern views! 4BR, 2 bath. 2 storey home/cottage. Year-round access. Sloping lot w/ stone steps to waters edge and dock. Move in and enjoy.

WOODS ROAD $475,000

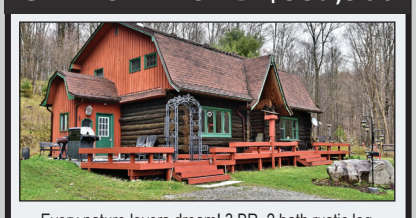
Beautiful country home minutes from Haliburton Village. Oak flooring, red pine ceilings. Large deck over looking Barnum lake. 3 BR, 3 bath home.

BURNT RIVER $488,000



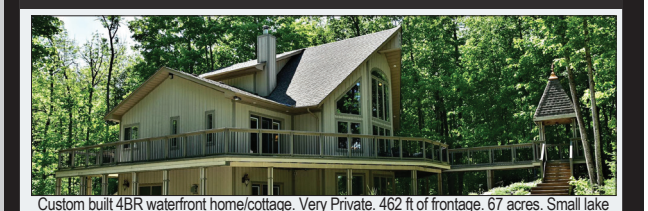
Log home with the perfect amount of country charm! 3 BR, 3 bath home fronting on Burnt River. Southern views. Wraparound deck. Built in appliances.

CARROLL ROAD $559,500



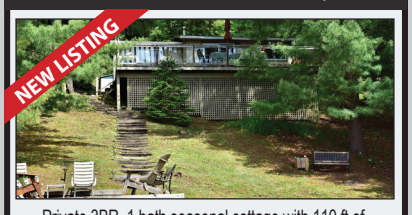
Every nature lovers dream! 3 BR, 2 bath rustic log home. .92 acres. Open concept, sunken living room. Large 3 bay garage, wood shed and garden shed.

Otter Lake $1,080,000



Custom built 4BR waterfront home/cottage. Very Private. 462 ft of frontage. 67 acres. Small lake w/ great fishing. Granite fireplace, cathedral ceiling and fully finished lower level.

CONTAU LAKE $379,000



Private 3BR, 1 bath seasonal cottage with 110 ft of frontage. Bright open concept living. Level to gentle slop lot. 10X10 flawless gazebo.

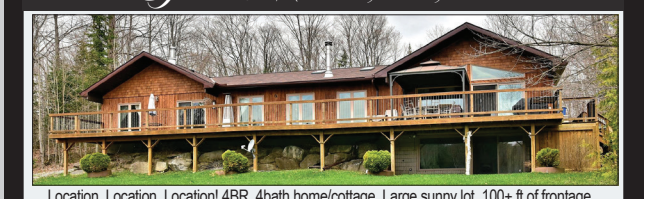
COUNTY ROAD 21 $335,000

Cute and cozy 3BR, 2 bath multi-level home. Minutes from Haliburton Village. Beautifully treed lot. Double detached drive-thru garage.

HALIBURTON LAKE $649,000

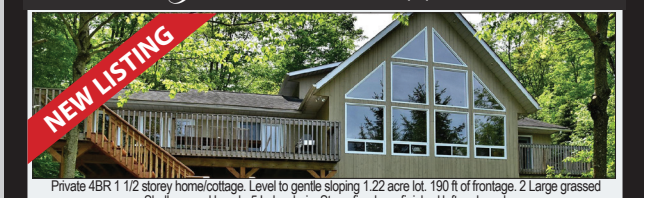
Looking for the perfect family cottage to use year-round? Look no further. Bright open concept 3BR, 1 bath. Level lot. Large grassed area. Many upgrades.

Grass Lake $1,120,000



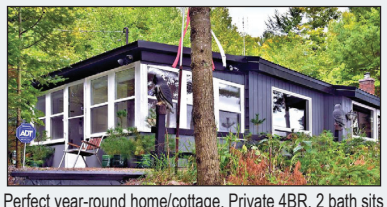
Location, Location, Location! 4BR, 4bath home/cottage. Large sunny lot. 100+ ft of frontage. Massive 80ft deck. High quality finishing's. Many upgrades.

Soyers Lake $1,399,000



Private 4BR 1 1/2 storey home/cottage. Level to gentle sloping 1.22 acre lot. 190 ft of frontage. 2 Large grassed areas. Shallow sand beach. 5 Lake chain. Stone fireplace, finished loft and much more.

PAUDASH LAKE $609,000



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HORSESHOE LAKE $399,000

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EAGLE LAKE ROAD $449,000

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WIGAMOG ROAD $649,000

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Board to build new school

VSS students will have own home in fall 1997

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Victoria Street School students will have a brand new school to go to when theirs is closed down in two years.

The Haliburton County Board of Education has decided to build a separate school to replace VSS rather than making room for its students at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School with an addition.

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Board members plan to have the new school, which will be located somewhere on the grounds surrounding JDHES, open for classes in September 1997, immediately after VSS has been abandoned.

"Parents of Victoria Street students have said they feel a separate school would be safer (than creating a larger school at JDHES)," said Dysart trustee Len Salvatori. "We have to start listening to the community. And what the community wants, we should be doing."

Since the board decided in May to close down 70-year-old VSS, parents have been lobbying the board to build a school just for primarily level students.

They have argued the "atmosphere" of a small, independent school would be lost at a larger school for students from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Two weeks ago they asked the board to build a 12-room school with its own principal for students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 3, including a library, activity room and a staff room with a full kitchen.

Tuesday night they got their wish when trustees voted 11-3 in favour of the plan. Anson, Hindon and Minden trustees Bryan Kernohan and Wally Bunn, as well as Glamorgan trustee Craig

Pettit, did not support the motion.

School board administrators have said the construction costs of such a school would be about

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MNR still worried about fires

Five forest fires — including two unextinguished camp fires and one caused by Canada Day fireworks — kept local Ministry of Natural Resources crews busy Sunday.

A fire near the Leslie Frost Centre in Dorset, started by lightning, was still burning as of yesterday as were two others in the Bancroft area near fishing lakes. The Dorset-area blaze destroyed about 1.5 hectares of hardwood and mixed wood forest.

MNR officials are also investigating a .1 hectare blaze in Somerville which was apparently started by children "playing with fire," said MNR Fire Technician Ron McKenzie.

Two of the five blazes were accessible only by helicopter and two others were put out by area fire departments.

While all of the fires were relatively small, "it's been so long since we've had substantial rain, these fires go down deep into the forest's floor. Putting them out is very time-consuming," McKenzie said.

Numerous residents and recreationalists face charges or were issued warnings for violating bans on both brush burnings and camp fires, he said.

The MNR will decide today whether or not to extend the ban on camp fires and no fire permits will be issued until there is a substantial rainfall, he said.

And a heave and a ho...

Jessica Bain strains against the rope as she leads her fellow participants in the Tug of War at West Guiford's ♣ Canada Day ♣ celebrations. There were dozens of children's games organized by the hard-working recreation committee, and every child received a ribbon and candy prize. Saturday dawned dark and cool, but by the time the festivities began at noon, the sun was shining. It's never rained on West Guilford's party, which is one of the most popular way to celebrate Canada's birthday in the Highlands. For story and photos, please see page 22. For Minden's Canada Day photos, see page 25 and for Northern Eagle's fete, see page 17.

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